



TALK IT OVER

Dismantling Dysfunction

BOTTOM LINE

Anything that causes us to not treat people with dignity is sin.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Who was the kindness champion to you in grade school (adult or child)? What made them memorable? Or what's a word you would like to be used to describe you?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [12 Minutes on Jesus' Graceful Love](#) by Andy Stanley

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Jesus told him, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk!" Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up his sleeping mat and began walking!

John 5:8-9 NLT

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it... We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard. 1 John 1:1-3 NIV

John didn't write so we would know what happened. He wants us to do something about what happened.

Anything I do to hurt another person is sin. Anything I do to distance another from God is sin. Anything that causes me to not treat people with dignity is a sin.

Sometimes we don't get well because it is more comfortable to stay sick. Honor God and the people who love you—get help and get well.

"When what's best for people is no longer what's most important to you, you are at odds with God." – Andy Stanley

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The first step to dismantling dysfunction is to develop compassion. Agree or disagree? Explain. Why do you believe people stay unhealthy? What's been your experience with rules being more important than people? If it ever changed, how? Why do you think Jesus did this miracle on the Sabbath? What in your life threatens your ability to love like Jesus? Discuss: Jesus didn't come to create a new religion, but new people.

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will take the action Jesus requires. I will dismantle dysfunction in my life by demonstrating compassion, rejecting complacency, and standing against legalism despite contempt and criticism.

My Action Step: _____